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STATE FOR S/NM; US CUSTOMS FOR DAVID P. BANOWETZ, ACTING
DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

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TAGS: SNAR, TH
SUBJECT: CUSTOMS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, EXECUTIVE
OBSERVATION TOUR

1. URGENTLY REQUEST ADVISE ON STATUS DEVELOPMENT OF
EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION TOUR FOR THE FOLLOWING THREE HIGH
RANKING INDIVIDUALS OF THE THAI CUSTOMS SERVICES:

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DIRECTOR, PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION DIVISION
(NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIVE UNIT) AND DIRECTOR CUSTOMS
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (COUNTERPART TO CHIEF OF CUSTOMS
TEAM)

CHIEF INVESTIGATION BRANCH AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
CUSTOMS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (COUNTERPART OF CHIEF
OF CUSTOMS TEAM)

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE TRAINING IS TO PROVIDE A HIGH
LEVEL LIAISON AND OBSERVATION VISIT BY ROYAL THAI CUSTOMS
OFFICIALS TO THE UNITED STATES TO OBSERVE US CUSTOMS
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ENFORCEMENT POLICIES, PROCEDURES, TECHNIQUES AND RELATED
MATTERS WITH VIEW CERTAIN OF THEM MAY HAVE THAI CUSTOMS
APPLICABILITY.

3. THE TRAINING OF THESE THREE EXECUTIVES IS CONSIDERED
OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THE CUSTOMS NARCOTICS PROGRAM
AND SHOULD BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY IN ORDER THAT THE

TOUR CAN BE COMPLETED BY MID SEPTEMBER.

4. PARTICIPANTS:

NAME: MR. NARK WAIYAHONGSE

RANK: DIRECTOR-GENERAL

NAME: MR. KOVIT CHOTIROS

RANK: DIRECTOR - PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION DIVISION,

- DIRECTOR CUSTOMS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

NAME: MR. MANIT WITYATAM

RANK: CHIEF - INVESTIGATION BRANCH AND ASSISTANT

- DIRECTOR CUSTOMS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

5. MR. MANIT WITYATEM SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, THEREFORE,
NO INTERPRETOR WILL BE REQUIRED.

6. ESCORT OFFICER: PROPOSE JAMES FOSTER OR J. D.
WILLIAMS NAME AS ESCORT OFFICER IF POSSIBLE.

7. FOLLOWING ARE SOME LOCATIONS AND ACTIVITIES TO BE
OBSERVED AND REQUESTED BY EMBASSY AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL.
FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSED ITINERARY REQUESTED:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

- COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

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- TREASURY ENFORCEMENT COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
- TRAINING CENTER
- CLASSIFICATION AND VALUE DIVISION (ANTOMATED
- DRAWBACK SYSTEM)

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

- CUSTOMS INFORMATION EXCHANGE OFFICE
- JFK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
- SEAPORT OPERATION

MIAMI, FLORIDA

- MARINE OPERATIONS INCLUDING JOINT US COAST GUARD/
- DEA OPERATIONS

COLUMBUS, OHIO

- INBOND PROCEDURES
- MAIL OPERATION
- INSPECTION AND CONTROL ACTIVITIES

EL PASO, TEXAS

- EL PASO INTELLIGENCE COMMUNICATIONS (EPIC)
- I & C BORDER OPERATIONS

- CUSTOMS PATROL
- BONDED WAREHOUSES

8. THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S AND MR. KOVIT'S WIVES WILL
ACCOMPANY. ABRAMOWITZ

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